

HAVE A COUPLE FIX



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RIP  
VAN  
WINKLE,  
JR.

WHOA!

EXCUSE ME, IS THIS  
POTRERO HILL IN THE  
NEW MILLENNIUM?

YES. WHY  
DO YOU  
ASK?

WELL... I  
FELL ASLEEP IN  
JACKSON PARK, BUT  
WHEN I WOKE UP, IT  
HAD GOOD DRAINAGE!

IT'S BEEN  
THAT WAY  
AS LONG  
AS I  
CAN  
REMEMBER!

HOW COME  
THERE ARE SO  
MANY PARKING  
SPOTS?

EVER SINCE  
MUNI WAS  
FIXED, NO  
ONE USES A  
CAR ANY MORE!

WHAT DOES  
THAT SIGN  
SAY? MY EYES  
AREN'T SO  
GOOD ANY  
MORE...

IT SAYS, "FOR  
RENT: 3BR APT,  
\$250 / MONTH."

WHY DON'T  
YOU GO TO  
AN EYE  
DOCTOR?

OH, MY HMO  
MEMBERSHIP LAPSED  
AGES AGO!

DON'T BE  
SILLY! HEALTH  
CARE IS  
FREE!

NEXT I SUPPOSE  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
SAY WE HAVE  
TOP-QUALITY SCHOOLS,  
LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL  
OPEN SPACE, A  
CURE FOR AIDS,  
AND HOUSING FOR  
EVERYONE!

YUP! FARLEY'S AND THE  
SCOOP ARE STILL HERE  
TOO, AND GOOD LIFE  
BOUGHT SAFEWAY!

WHAT HAPPENED?  
WERE WE CONQUERED  
BY DENMARK?

NO... AS  
A MATTER  
OF FACT, YOU  
DIDN'T REALLY  
WAKE UP  
EITHER...

YOU'RE STILL  
SLEEPING IN A  
PUDDLE IN JACKSON  
PARK IN 1999...

OH,  
WELL...

IT'S GOOD  
TO DREAM...

James





GETTING INVOLVED

**ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector)** meets the first Thursday of each month with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. The Forum takes place at 7 p.m. in the Community Facility downstairs at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps. Next meeting is Jan. 6.

**Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board** meets the second Monday of the month (Dec. 13) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin St., are open to the public. Renovations have recently been completed providing more efficient space and privacy for admitting and patient interviews. The waiting room now boasts a TV and, on board meeting evenings, refreshments. Patients, friends & neighbors will be welcome to come and visit.

**Potrero Hill Democratic Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month, usually. The next meeting will be on Jan. 11, 7 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro. Agenda: results of the special election Dec. 14 and March special elections and issues. For more information call Bob Boileau at 826-6359.

**Starr King Park Board of Directors** meets the second Wednesday evening of each odd-numbered month (next meeting: Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.) in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616 - 20th St. The Saturday morning work parties will continue to meet every month on the third Saturday (Dec. 18) at 9 a.m. in the park — located at Carolina and 23rd Sts.

**Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn.** usually meets the last Tuesday of the month. This month, they will instead celebrate the holidays with a brunch on Sunday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Cocomo Cafe, 650 Indiana St. All are welcome (\$10 per person).

**Potrero Hill Garden Club** usually meets the last Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. for a potluck brunch in a local home or garden. Informal discussion will be held on a variety of subjects relating to organic, edible or ornamental gardening appropriate for Potrero Hill's particular mini-climate. For info about the next meeting please call 648-6740.

**PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors)** meets in executive session only. Anyone wishing to raise an issue for consideration by the board may phone Elizabeth at 826-6359.

**Friends of McKinley Square Park (at 20th & Vermont Sts.)** met on Dec. 2 to discuss plans for restoration of the hillside adjacent to the newly restored playground. To join this effort and get more information, please call Alison Bailes at 641-7597.

ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

MAYOR.....Willie Lewis Brown, Jr.  
DISTRICT ATTY.....Terence Hallinan

# HOW THE HILL VOTED

## Election of November 2

	Potrero Hill	Citywide		
<b>MAYOR</b>				
Tom Ammlano	1,338 (36.6%)	49,420 (25.4%)		
Willie L. Brown, Jr.	1,220 (35.3)	75,732 (36.9)		
Frank Jordan	377 (10.9)	32,893 (15.6)		
Clint Rellly	323 (9.4)	24,322 (12.5)		
<i>(Because there were a number of mayoral candidates, the above figures will not add up to 100 percent.)</i>				
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>				
Terence Hallinan	1,360 (42.4)	56,424 (36.22)		
Bill Fazio	993 (30.9)	67,145 (37.5)		
Matt Gonzales	446 (13.9)	20,153 (11.26)		
Steve Castleman	324 (10.1)	17,677 (9.6)		
Michael Schaefer	84 (2.6)	5,614 (3.1)		
<b>SHERIFF</b>				
Michael Hennessey	2,407 (100)	131,105 (100)		
<b>CITY PROPOSITIONS</b>				
	YES	NO	YES	NO
A: Laguna Honda	2,554	600	139,210	50,609
B: Fire/Police Retirement	2,447	743	127,697	51,163
C: District Boundaries	2,336	747	123,196	48,263
D: Sick Leave Transfer	2,745	572	138,672	44,276
E: Transport Agency	1,937	1,277	110,079	70,113
F: ATM Fees	2,476	900	124,615	62,976
G: Sunshine Law	1,684	1,135	97,156	69,066
H: Downtown Caltrans	2,226	965	123,623	54,751
I: Octavia Blvd.	2,135	1,052	97,386	61,623
J: Central Freeway	1,067	2,153	86,236	61,823
K: Election Expenses	2,719	489	140,662	35,655

Unsafe Driving

Editor:  
As I walk my young daughter to school, I am observing too many motorists rushing down the hills, driving through stop signs, or barely stopping.  
Please make others aware and keep our neighborhood safe.

Judith Chavez  
Vermont Street

450 Rhode Island

Editor:  
Last Saturday I walked from Telegraph Hill to my art studio near Potrero Hill, stopped at Sally's and read **The Potrero View** of November 1999. The front-page article omitted numerous relevant points about 450 Rhode Island (S&C Motors) that were discussed and agreed to at our three neighborhood meetings. These points include:  
1. Approximately 90% of those at the October 9 presentation enthusiastically applauded the extensive plan additions. Only a very few did not sign the petition that asks the Planning Commission to support the new plan.  
2. Those additions to 450 Rhode Island included:  
\* A public mini-park at Kansas and Mariposa.  
\* Extensive outdoor roof terraces  
\* No rooftop equipment. Architecturally treated elevator penthouses and roofing material.  
\* A lowering of the height at Kansas and Mariposa to 17 feet (even though 40 feet is allowed). At the neighbors' request, we filed for a Planned Unit Development to shift density downhill to the 17th Street commercial zone. This alone took almost 1 1/2 months of redesign.  
\* Truck loading docks are only on Rhode Island, the non-residential street.  
\* The exterior is setback on Mariposa and the total exterior is redesigned.  
\* Street trees on all four front-ages.  
\* Undergrounding utility poles on Kansas.  
\* A neighborhood tutoring program by the Tenant.  
3. About parking and transit  
The 900 (not 1,000) anticipated employees will use a combination of autos, carpool, staggered hours, public transit and an already established in-house transit shuttle system. The shuttle goes to BART, CalTrain and Muni. It is not correct to imply that all

workers will drive single occupancy cars. Also, when S&C Motors moves to their new building, it will free up all the spaces on the street now taken by S&C.  
Please share this letter with your readers in the next issue.  
Ron Kaufman  
Francisco Street

S.F. Mime Troupe

Editor:  
Many thanks for your article about the San Francisco Mime Troupe's 40th Anniversary Celebration.  
One historical correction: the SFMT did adopt an affirmative action program in 1974, when the company was all-white; but earlier, in the 1960s, many actors of color worked at the Troupe. One was Luis Valdez, who went on to found El Teatro Campesino. The company's most celebrated production of that era, "A Minstrel Show, Or Civil Rights in a Cracker Barrel," was always performed by a cast of black and white actors.  
Joan Holden  
for the San Francisco Mime Troupe

Cheerleading Meet

Editor:  
My daughter Jade Greene's cheerleading team, the Seahawks, competed in the Pop Warner Pacific North West Regional Conference Cheerleading Competition on Nov. 27 and placed second. Now they are advanced to the Pop Warner National Cheerleading Competition, which will be held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida from Dec. 8-12. Our participation in this event will receive national recognition for our organization and will also be televised.  
This will be the first time in S.F. Police Activities League history that there is a local team eligible for regional contention. I would greatly appreciate your help by making monetary donations to assist with the cost to attend this event. The S.F. PAL is a non-profit organization that sponsors cheerleading and other programs. Monetary donations are tax deductible.  
All checks must be made payable to "SF PAL Cheerleading Program," and donations must be mailed to them at 350 Amber Drive, S.F. 94131-1698. You will receive acknowledgement from the PAL office for your donation. If you have any questions, please contact the SF PAL office at 695-6935.  
Proud mother,  
Lavette Virden  
Jerrold Street

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# LIBRARY NEWS

## POTRERO BRANCH

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### Closed Monday

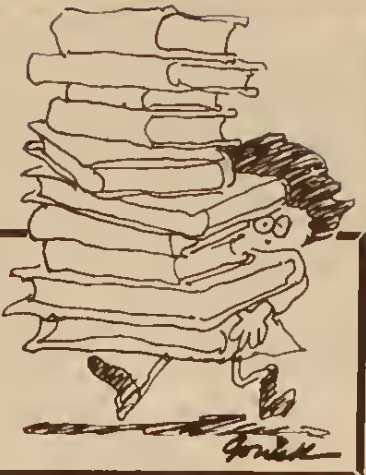
Tuesday: 10 am - 9 pm

Wednesday: 1 pm - 9 pm

Thursday: 10 am - 6 pm

Friday: 1 pm - 6 pm

Saturday: Noon - 6 pm



### PROPOSED CHANGE IN LIBRARY HOURS

The Library Commission will consider proposed changes in hours throughout the San Francisco Library System. Overall, there will be a net gain of three hours. At the Potrero Branch, however, the library will lose three. The proposed change would mean closing at 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday nights instead of 9 p.m., and opening at 1 p.m. instead of noon on Saturday.

The earlier closing time reflects little or no usage during the last hour of evening, the business establishments having closed by 7 or 8 p.m. The streets are poorly lit, and with few staff on shift, it is not a safe hour to be taking public transportation or walking to one's car.

The later opening on Saturday is to enable the staff to have a lunch hour, which because of staff shortages, has not really been possible on all except an occasional basis.

### FAMILY VISITORS? FAMILY VIDEOS!

If you find that you're running out of pleasures this holiday season or notice that storm clouds from past lives are beginning to accumulate during family visits, why not reknit family ties by borrowing a video from the library? Choose from our "Everything Old is New Again" list, which could include:

- "The Country Girl"
- "The Big Sleep"
- "National Velvet"
- "Picture of Dorian Gray"
- "Dark Passage"
- "A Thousand Clowns"
- "A Raisin in the Sun"
- "The Iceman Cometh"
- "Sirocco"
- "Cuys and Dolls"
- "Johnny Belinda"
- "West Side Story"
- "Little Women"
- "Murders at the Rue Morgue"
- "The Godfather"

### UNSUNG HERO AWARDS FEB. 27

Mark your new millennium calendar. The Unsung Hero Awards will be presented at the Koret Auditorium of the Main Library on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. This annual event, initiated by former Potrero Branch librarian Joan Jackson, is sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women Golden Gate Section and the Friends & Foundation of the San Francisco Public Library.

Honored are those from all walks of life who give unstintingly of themselves to the advancement and progress of this city's African-American community. Those who are selected are truly unsung heroes who receive neither remuneration nor public recognition for their work. Presenters at this year's awards ceremony will include teen library patrons Indira Mohamed and Reggie Moore. Nomination forms for the awards will be available soon at the library.

### "LATCHKEY," HOMEWORK HELP AT JACKSON REC CENTER

We are happy to announce that Debbie Dixon, with the help of Cary Siri, will be starting a latchkey and homework help program, which will begin on Jan. 10, at the Jackson Park Rec Center.

Children will be welcome to come from 2 to 6 p.m. daily, at the cost of \$10 per child per month. (The fee will be waived in cases of indigence.) Tutorial help will be available, and homework time will be

followed by crafts and games. For more information, call the Jackson Rec Center at (415) 554-9527 or Debbie Dixon at home at (510) 632-3356.

### MILLENNIUM MONUMENT TIME CAPSULE WORKSHOP

On Saturday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m., artist Allyson Levy will lead a workshop for children where they will discuss and make time capsules to mark the millennium. Join the child in your life as he or she makes their historical marker at the library — of course!

### ORIGAMI BOOK CRAFT PROGRAM

Origami book craft — such a holiday gift this could be, or a memento to treasure! Join Barbara Selvidge, from Center for the Book and the Oakland Museum of Children's Art, who will help children create origami books. Saturday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant and Toddler Lapsit takes place Thursday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 10:30 a.m. Pre-school Story Time takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 7 p.m. The film, "The Velveteen Rabbit," will be shown on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m., and Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

The film, "Boy King," about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., will be shown on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 10 a.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. January Lapsits will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6 and 13, and Story Times will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 5 and 12. There will be a performance of The Lion Dance on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 4 p.m.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

To mark the recent retirement of librarian Glenda Goldwater, who appreciated good food and hosted many, many wonderfully-prepared dinners at her home in Cole Valley, a special cookery list was prepared by the San Francisco Public Library. Here are items from that list which we have selected for the Potrero Branch. Bon appetit!

\* Hirigoyen, Gerald. "The Basque Kitchen: tempting food from the Pyrenees."

\* Sarkhel, Udit. "The Bombay Bazaar Cookbook: over 100 recipes with the authentic flavours of the Raj"

\* Shields, John. "Chesapeake Bay Cooking with John Shields: the companion cookbook to the public television series"

\* Van Waerebeek-Conzalez, Ruth. "The Chilean Kitchen: authentic, home-style foods, regional wines, and culinary traditions of Chile"

\* "Cooking with Patrick Clark: a tribute to the man and his cuisine," conceived and coordinated by Charlie Trotter.

\* Parkinson, Rosemary. "Culinaria: The Caribbean: a culinary discovery"

### COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

\* Pfeiffer, Jules. "Bark, George"

\* George, Jean Craighead. "Morning, Noon and Night"

\* Look, Lenore. "Love as Strong as Ginger"

\* Shannon, David. "David Goes to School"

\* Torres, Leyla. "Liliana's Grandmothers"

Toba Singer  
Branch Librarian

# TEN YEARS AGO

## In The View

### ST. TERESA'S PROVIDES SHELTER FROM THE COLD

There were 75 churches and synagogues, including St. Teresa's on the Hill, that participated in Mayor Art Agnos' Interfaith Task Force on the Homeless. Congregations took turns providing shelter for one or two weeks for 100-150 homeless people. The parishioners of St. Teresa's volunteered to shelter 30 women and children during the two-week period from Dec. 3-16, 1989.

### THANKSGIVING DAY TURKEY AT ASIMOKOPOULOS CAFE

More than 50 Hill residents were treated to a traditional full turkey dinner at Asimokopoulos Cafe at 18th and Connecticut Sts. Local merchants and others pitched in with money, prep work, cooking, baking, carpooling and cleanup.

### HILL PASTOR ASSAILS US AID TO EL SALVADOR MILITARY

Father Peter Sammon of St. Teresa's Church returned from a visit to El Salvador where he had looked into the murder of six Jesuit priests by the military. In the 1970s the Jesuits had opened one of their schools to poor people, which offended the ruling powers in a country in which there were very few rich people and everyone else was very poor. According to Father Sammon, the U.S. had sent over \$4 billion to El Salvador since 1980 to back the regime of Alfredo Cristiani, who was a political creature of death squad supporter D'Aubisson, the founder of Cristiani's ARENA party.

### MEMORIAL MEETING TO HONOR MICHAEL GRIEG

An overflow throng of friends, relatives and former colleagues gathered to share their memories of Michael Grieg, journalist, novelist, poet and playwright, who died in his Kansas Street home on October 29, 1989. A 40-year resident of the Hill, Grieg had spent 30 years in journalism with the Examiner and Chronicle before returning in 1984. He was the author of three novels, the last being nearly completed at the time of his death.

### NABE GIRLS CLUB VS GRAFFITI

Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Girls Club chose as a project the painting out of graffiti on the walls of apartments in the Potrero Annex public housing. The Housing Authority provided paint and equipment.

### TENANT FIGHTS EVICTION

Jenny Butero lived on Potrero Hill for 60 years, the last 36 in an apartment at 20th and Connecticut. She faced eviction if a group of people attempting to buy the building were able to buy it as tenants in common, circumventing the tenant protections of the Rent Control Ordinance and the Condominium Conversion Law. Other tenants in the building planned to join her in fighting eviction.

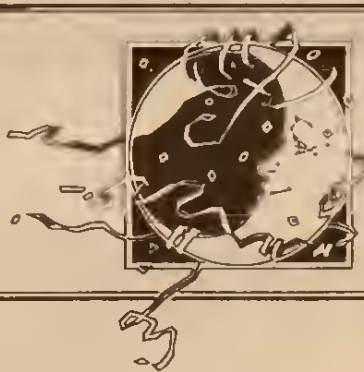
### AND TWENTY YEARS AGO . . .

The View ran interviews with the candidates for Supervisor in District 7, Bob Conzales and Doris Ward . . . the Affordable Housing Initiative, a stronger rent control law, went down to defeat 59 percent to 41 percent . . . Albanea Vazzani, a long-time resident of Potrero Hill, celebrated her 100th birthday . . . Shakespeare's "Macbeth" was presented by the Julian Theater, at the Nabe . . . The Mime Troupe presented the West Coast premiere of Dario Fo's "We Can't Pay, We Won't Pay" at the Victoria . . . the Roxie Theater presented two films about working women, "Working For Your Life," and "Talkin' Union."

— Bernie Cershater

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# Hill Group Offers Ideas For Ballpark Traffic Plan

Expressing concerns about the effect of ballpark traffic on the area, the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn. Nov. 10 made a number of suggestions for improvements in pre-and post-game traffic flow. The suggestions were made in a letter to Gerald Robbins, Transportation Planner at the Dept. of Parking and Traffic.

For pre-game traffic, the Potrero Hill group suggested signage and traffic control officers for enforcement of:

- \* No northbound traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue, Mississippi, Texas, Missouri or Connecticut Streets from Interstate 280.

- \* No westbound traffic on Mariposa Street between Interstate 280 and Mississippi Street.

- \* No left turn off of Cesar Chavez Street onto Minnesota, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Indiana or Missouri Streets.

- \* No eastbound traffic on Mariposa Street east of Vermont Street. Traffic that does use the Vermont Street off-ramp needs to go north on Vermont and then east on Townsend Street toward the ballpark.

- \* Only public conveyances, such as buses, taxis, or jitneys, can use Third and Fourth Streets between Townsend and Market Streets one hour before the game.

Suggestions for post-game traffic include signage and traffic control officers for:

- \* No left turn off Mariposa on any streets going south, especially Tennessee, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Texas, Missouri or Connecticut Streets. All traffic should be directed from westbound Mariposa Street to southbound Interstate 280.

- \* Put in an extension of Illinois Street from 25th Street to Cesar Chavez Street before the ballpark opens, to facilitate traffic exiting the ballpark to be directed to Third Street and the Interstate 280 ramps from the east.

Only public conveyances can use Third and Fourth Street between Townsend and Market Streets one hour before the game.



Potrero Hill residents donned hardhats recently to tour PacBell Park amid construction. Nicholas Van Reisen photo

## Residential Parking Plan Moves Ahead As Hill Residents Have Their Say

Neighbors gathered at Jackson Playground on November 17, to take the next step in the long process of securing Residential Parking Permits (RPP) for their area.

Attending the session were Bond Yee, Deputy Director and City Traffic Engineer, and Cynthia Hui who has been the special contact person for the Potrero Hill area on this issue.

The Jackson gymnasium was packed with those who wanted to be left out of the permit area, and those who wanted to be added. Several residents whose blocks are not now included are rushing to get petitions signed so they will not be left out of the RPP area.

Hill resident Babette Drefke, volunteer coordinator of the effort to get permit parking for Potrero Hill, explained the precautionary means being taken in anticipation of ballpark traffic.

"Ours is an exceptional case, because we have to project into the future," she said. "Having learned from neighboring Bayview/Hunters Point what problems Candlestick Park caused, we don't want to take any chances."

Many residents who were already crowded out by commuters parking on the Hill were also anxious to get RPP. The greatest need is around the Cal Trans Terminal at 22nd Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Some business owners claimed RPP would hurt their business. And there were families who said they just didn't want RPP because of the number of cars they owned.

Yee repeatedly assured meeting participants that nothing was being forced on them. If RPP is accepted, no one is required to purchase a permit. Currently, permits cost \$27 per year.

Several residents who asked why their blocks weren't included were told, "Just get residents from 51% of the units on your block to sign the petitions requesting RPP."

The final vote of the evening was to request that restrictions on parking be enforced seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with two hour parking limits.

At the beginning of the program, restrictions would only be enforced during weekdays, figuring business would not be operating on Saturday and Sunday, so parking would not be so crowded. But should this approach not be satisfactory, enforcement would expand to seven days a week. The proposal was set to go before the Parking and Traffic Commission

Dec. 7, and then to the Board of Supervisors.

The Giants have already sold 2,300 season parking passes to their 5,000-space lot and anticipate ending up selling about 3,500 or 4,000. "With a 42,000 seat capacity, that still leaves many cars looking for parking spaces and Potrero Hill is vulnerable," Drefke noted.

### Residents Tour Stadium

The San Francisco Giants provided a tour of the new Stadium for a group of Potrero Hill residents on November 9.

At a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Ballpark, Hill resident Babette Drefke of the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Assn. asked Alfonso Felder, the Giants' Community liaison, if he'd show some Hill dwellers around the new ballpark. He told her to round up 10 people and he'd conduct the tour.

The 10 Hill residents showed up at the Giants' office on Third Street in boots or heavy shoes and were given hard hats and goggles to wear. The tour went right through the construction activity, which was going full blast.

The seats and boxes facing the field are almost complete. Now the construction focus is on food vendor shops, concession stores and restrooms. The vendors are placed so that you can watch the game while you get your hotdog.

The walkways around the Stadium have magnificent views of the Bay and of downtown and will be open to the public as a promenade. What hasn't been settled, the group was told, is the number and placement of new boat slips that will be needed for the additional ferries on the Bay.

There's a children's park adjacent to the stadium that will contain an enormous Coke bottle lying on its side as a Coca Cola advertisement. The Giants are planning about 100 palm trees of alternating heights to conceal the Coke bottle from the view of the public passing by the ballpark.

— Rita Giglio



### Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

953 De Haro Street, San Francisco, California 94107  
(415) 826-8080  
Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

#### ON-GOING MEETINGS:

Al-Anon ..... Thursdays, 6:30 pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous ..... Sun, Mon 8:00 pm/Thurs, 8:30 pm  
Girls/Boys Club ..... Mondays, 4:00 pm  
Narcotics Anonymous ..... Wednesdays, 8:00 pm  
Omega Boys Club ..... Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

#### FACILITIES:

Auditorium for theatre presentations, lectures, weddings, workshops and receptions  
Bulletin board with employment and event listings  
Gymnasium and recreational space  
Meeting spaces available for use by community groups  
Mini-park

#### ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

- After School/Summer Youth Activities
- Arts and Crafts
- Food Distribution
- Gang Prevention
- Girls/Boys Club
- Graffiti Paint Out
- Juvenile Probation
- Home Supervision
- Peer Counseling

- MET Theatre Ensemble
- Senior Nutrition Program
- Social Development Center
- Tutoring Program
- Youth Employment
- MYEEP/SYETP
- Job Readiness
- ZAP Project (substance abuse day treatment for adolescents)

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#### MUNI Tix at Nabe

MUNI tickets are available at the Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St., Mondays through Fridays during office hours, 10 am-4 pm

Senior MUNI: \$8.00  
Youth MUNI: \$8.00

For more information, call 826-8080



## Funding for Esprit Park Gets Million Dollar Boost

Hopes of Potrero Hill residents supporting the purchase of Esprit Park on Minnesota Street as city parkland received a considerable boost Nov. 30 when the city's Open Space Citizen's Advisory Committee voted to allocate one million dollars toward the Esprit Park purchase.

Despite an earlier recommendation for no funding this year made by the Recreation and Park Dept. staff, members of the Advisory Committee had continued to be supportive of the Esprit Park purchase, representatives of Friends of Esprit Park told **The View**.

The Friends have continued to meet with Advisory Committee members, bringing charts to document the increasing need for the open space in the neighborhood, and showing how many more live-work units have been added in the area with no open space included in their development.

The funds allocated by the committee are "banked" until a purchase can take place. Last year, the Esprit purchase had one million dollars banked — roughly half of what the purchase was expected to cost — but \$400,000 of that

money was taken away to be used for other department expenditures. With the most recent allocation, this puts \$1.6 million in the Esprit fund.

However, with the price of land in the area soaring, it is now unclear how much Esprit would ask for the parkland.

## Book Donation Plan Can Help Potrero Library

In response to a concern expressed by a citizen in a neighborhood meeting with Mayor Willie Brown, The San Francisco Public Library is announcing a special giving opportunity for library patrons.

In return for a tax-deductible donation of \$25 or more, the library will purchase a book (or books) for the Potrero Branch Library (or branch of donor's choice) that will display the donor's personalized bookplate acknowledging a friend, loved-one or colleague.

Donors can also choose to make a donation without the bookplate feature and a book (or books) will be purchased for the donor's selected branch. This is a wonderful way for book-lovers to feel the satisfaction of supporting the branch library of their choice.

Donations can be made in cash or by personal check. Donor forms will be available from library staff at the Main and at all 26 branch libraries. This program is in effect now and will be ongoing. For more information contact Beverly Hennessey, Public Information Officer, at 557-4282.

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Artist Bill Horgos is shown with one of his carved pictures, which, along with his miniature carvings, will be on exhibit at Goat Hill Pizza, 18<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut Streets, through Jan. 20. An artist's reception is set for Dec. 12 from 2-4 p.m. Horgos' carvings will be on sale during the exhibit (\$45 for the pictures; \$100 to \$200 for the miniatures) just in time for holiday gift purchases. Personalized service is available.



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# John Langley Howard Dies at 97 After a Long, Artistic Lifetime

John Langley Howard died in his sleep at home on Nov. 15. He was 97 years old and until recent weeks was actively painting in his Wisconsin St. studio. He died of pneumonia and old age after a productive career as an artist, and as a member of the illustrious Howard family whose contribution to the arts and culture of California — particularly in the Bay Area — has been enormous.

Lang, as he was known to his friends and family, was one of four sons and one daughter whose father, John Galen Howard, was the supervising and principal architect of U.C. Berkeley from 1904-1929.

Lang achieved a special notoriety in 1934 with the opening of Telegraph Hill's Coit Tower, which was largely designed by architect Henry Howard, Lang's brother. The inset bas relief sculpture over the entrance to the tower was the work of Lang's brother Robert.

Lang was one of several artists commissioned to paint the murals of Coit Tower under a federal program, the Public Works of Art Project (PWAP), which provided work opportunities for thousands of underemployed people in the arts during the 1930s. It was a period of social and political unrest in the nation. Lang's mural had as its subject California Industrial Scenes.

The mural was clearly a political and social statement which acknowledged the contribution to society made by laborers of all races and ethnicities. Including a Mexican and a Negro worker in the forefront of a vast army of labor represented Lang's social consciousness and egalitarian values.

Lang was restless and adventuresome. His style of painting went through revolutionary stages as he matured and refined his technique. Most of his 97 years were spent in California, for the most part in the Bay Area. He had lived in Carmel, Mill Valley, Berkeley, San Francisco, New York, London, Mexico, Greece and other places.

Along the way he came to know many artists and visited museums and galleries wherever he lived. He was largely self-taught as an artist and had only a smattering of formal art school education.

For some years he worked as the premier illustrator for *Scientific American* in New York in the 1950s and 60s where he perfected his technique in watercolor to a masterful degree where he could meticulously render with the finest detail all manner of fascinating subjects.

While living in New York he was later joined there by his son, Samuel, who became the Art Director of *Scientific American* for 30 years. His daughter, Anne, arrived in the city in late 1954 to start her career as an actress before moving to England 13 years later. It was in New York where she met and fell in love with Daniel Bernstein in 1955 and whom she married in San Francisco 37 years and two marriages later. She died this March from cancer.

When Lang returned from Europe with his second wife, sculptor Blanche Phillips, in 1970, they first lived in Cambria and moved to Wisconsin Street on Potrero Hill in 1972. After the death of Phillips he moved to Carmel and sold his

San Francisco house to his daughter. Lang briefly lived with his third wife, Mary MacMahon Williams, on 22nd Street on Potrero Hill, before moving to Battery Street.

Meanwhile, his painting style and subject matter had evolved in a manner that has been described as "Magic Realism." His paintings often had an ethereal, mystical, poetic quality, rendered in the most delicate touch and with a mysterious blending of diverse compositional elements, expressive of a highly refined inner vision of the mystery of life.

Upon the death of his third wife, Lang returned to the Wisconsin Street home where he lived and continued with his painting, ever dedicated to living his life with independence and creativity. In recent years he sold his paintings through the Garzoli Gallery in San Rafael.

A few days before Lang's death Joel and Josh Garzoli visited him at his home while he was resting in a hospital type bed. Joel informed Lang that two of Lang's paintings had been sold the week before in Los Angeles. While he could not respond in words to the news, his eyes brightened and a smile appeared. It had been a long and productive life.

He was the last of his generation, a man of quiet dignity, who like his father before him, his siblings, and his daughter Anne, left his mark on the cultural landscape of San Francisco. He died in



his sleep in the early afternoon of Nov. 15, his son in-law at his bedside.

Lang is survived by his son Samuel of Manhattan, a grandson Thomas of Evanston, Ill., a great granddaughter Emily Rose Howard of Evanston; his nephew Peter Wallace of San Francisco, his niece Molly Wallace of London; a niece Galen Howard Hilgard of Santa Cruz, and a nephew David Howard of Brattleboro, Vermont. He is also survived by several grand nieces and nephews both in California and in the East.

A memorial service will be held Jan. 23, at 2 p.m., at the Swedenborgian Church, 3200 Washington St. Remembrance gifts in his name may be sent to the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, 75 Tea Garden Drive, San Francisco, Ca. 94118, or the Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St., Oakland, Ca. 94607

— Daniel Bernstein

## Recalling Betty Boatright, Mission Creek Advocate

By Carol Peterson

When Betty Boatright passed away on Nov. 13, San Francisco lost a valuable treasure. Betty was a tireless advocate on behalf of the Mission Creek community and the waterfront in general.

Betty beat medical odds when, in the late 50s, she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and given less than three years to live. She died of kidney failure last month. On Nov. 17 hundreds of friends bid her farewell at a daytime service at St. Teresa's Church on Potrero Hill, and later at the BayView Boat Club.

Although her health had been failing for some time, she still attended meetings at City Hall, the Port Commission, and the Planning Commission without complaint, continuing her efforts to negotiate agreements from which all parties would get something.

Betty got results. Not only did many beneficial changes come about when she got involved, but she saw to it that everyone was satisfied with the outcome, as well as their participation in the negotiations. She brought understanding to the table.

Born in Colorado Springs in 1921, she was the oldest of four children. In the eighth grade she met her soulmate, Jack Boatright, and they were married in June, 1941. In June, 1942 their son, Jack, Jr. was born.

Because of Jack, Sr.'s position with the Santa Fe Railroad and the U.S. Army, the family moved around the country until the fall of 1945, when they came to Southern California. In late 1950, Jack, Sr. was transferred again, and on New Year's Day of 1951, they came to settle in San Francisco.

They eventually left the city for the Watergate Apartments in Emeryville. In the late 70s the family began construction on a houseboat in Mission Creek, which was meant to be used as a week-end getaway. Although they kept the residence in Emeryville for many years, the Creek soon became their permanent home.

Because of the changes in the Mission Bay area, Betty began to make her presence known in San Francisco politics. She was involved in negotiating the lease that means Mission Creek and its various spec-



ies of wildlife (both human and animal) can continue to exist with Mission Bay developer Catellus and the San Francisco Giants as their new neighbors.

Her focus of late was the fate of the public launch ramp on China Basin. Since China Basin is designated to carry the bulk of automobile and foot traffic to and from PacBell Park, access to the Bay may be severely compromised, if not eliminated should the ramp be abandoned.

When all is said and done, however, Betty was a friend to all who took great joy in the simple pleasure of returning to her family and friends at Mission Creek. Much of her strength and perseverance was drawn from Jack, Sr., who passed away in March, 1997. She went out of her nice, safe house to face the dragons in battle because she knew Jack would be there waiting at the end of day. In Jack, Jr's words, "Betty was an inspiration because she didn't have a huge ego."

"She was, though, immensely comfortable because of the wind beneath her wings, her love affair of 60 years with Jack. She was always secure in that love and the love of her family, and could come to a meeting or a negotiation with the perspective and calm focus of someone who had just come back from a vacation," her son Jack, Jr. recalled.



John Langley Howard's "Industrial Scene" mural in Coit Tower.



RESERVE JANUARY 17, 2000 by joining the annual march honoring the birthdate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The national holiday march begins after meeting trainloads of people who will travel to S.F. from the Peninsula, reaching the 4th and Townsend station by 10 a.m. The march then travels to Market Street, and will join others at the Civic Center. Entertainment and a program at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium will follow. The day's theme "Making the Dream Real," is a reference, of course, to Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., in 1963.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR something unique for the book lovers on your holiday list, visit the Friends & Foundation of the S.F. Public Library's booth at the Antique Collectibles Showcase at United Nations Plaza on Thursdays in December. United Nations Plaza is located on Hyde Street at Fulton, across the street from the Main Library. The Friends & Foundation booth will be selling used books and ephemera, which have been donated by people in San Francisco, Thursdays, Dec. 9, 16 and 23 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TICKETS GO ON SALE Jan. 9, for SF JAZZ Spring Season 2000, five weekends of world-class music and film in premier San Francisco venues from March thru June 2000. Produced by SFJAZZ (formerly Jazz in the City), presenters of the annual S.F. Jazz Festival, SFJAZZ Spring Season 2000 explores the theme of "Traditions in Transition" in programs designed by renowned saxophonist and spring artistic director Joshua Redman — including evening concerts, Sunday family matinee performances, and "Jazz on Film" presentations. Tickets are available in person (without service charge) at the SFJAZZ Store, 3 Embarcadero Center, Lobby Level. Tickets for all events can also be purchased on their web site, [www.sfjazz.org](http://www.sfjazz.org) (service charge applied); via BASS Tickets (service charge applied) by phone at 415/776-1999, or in person at Warehouse and Tower Records; and via City Box Office, 392-4400.

THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF THE TAROT will be the focus of a public event held January 8 at SOMARTS Gallery, 934 Brannan St., from 8 - 11 p.m. Entitled a "Magical Tarot Gala," the event will support post-production for the locally made documentary "The Fool's Journey: The Tarot in Myth and Reality." The Gala will recreate the magical reality of the Tarot, with strolling performers, music, food, wine, Tarot readings, and an auction of goods and services. Admission will be on a sliding scale of \$10-\$20. The film is directed and produced by Potrero Hill resident Gail Mallinson, and is scheduled to be completed for broadcast in the Spring of 2000.



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"WOMEN'S WORK JUBILEE," a series of performances held at Venue 9, 252 Ninth St. (bet. Folsom and Howard), will highlight many of the women artists seen in a special series at the Venue 9 during the past year. The event takes place Thursdays to Sundays, in January. Performances will include dance, drama, comedy and multi-media pieces. Call 289-2000 for more info.

"TO TELL THE TRUTH AND RUN," a feature-length documentary profiling George Seldes, a role model to protesters, journalists and young activists everywhere, will be presented in the Screening Room of the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St., at 8 p.m., Thurs., January 27. The film is being shown as part of a year round collaboration between the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts and the S.F. Jewish Film Festival. Tickets are \$6 general admission, \$5 for students, seniors and Center members. For tickets and info call 978-ARTS (2787). The dramatic story of this American journalist is a piercing examination of censorship and suppression in the American press, from the beginning of the 20th century to today. Seldes was a noted foreign correspondent in World War I, and in 1920s Europe. Filmmaker Rick Goldsmith will be present to introduce the film and answer questions.

FAR FLUNG READERS keep in touch with old friends on the Hill. Dogpatch native Frank Weber now lives and works in Gualala, Calif., and has dubbed his radio show (FM-KWAN "Dogpatch Blues.") And Brad Coles writes from Honolulu, Hawaii where he has an R&B club. He wishes all of us a "Happy 2000!"

S.F. MUNI will hold a public meeting to discuss potential changes to service in the South of Market, Potrero Hill and surrounding neighborhoods on Wed., January 5, 2000, from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St. Possible changes to the #12, 19, 26, 27, 42, 47, 49 and 53 lines will be discussed, as well as potential new services. This is expected to be the final public meeting prior to the development of staff recommendation. Call 923-2127 for more information.

LEARN THE INSIDE STORY behind toys by taking apart floppy discs and wind-up toys and figuring out how they work. Confuse yourself with mirrors, and figure out something about how your brain works. The Exploratorium presents simple interactive demonstrations and experiences for the public that reveal the science behind toys, as well as the science behind exhibits in the museum. On Saturday, Dec. 18, from noon to 4 p.m., "The Physics of Toys" will be an interactive laboratory inside the Exploratorium, staffed by volunteers with interests and skills in science and teaching. The Exploratorium will be open for 25 consecutive days for the holiday season, from Dec. 14 through Jan. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and will be closed on Christmas Day, but will be open New Year's Day. The museum will also be open special holiday hours in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Monday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

STORY TIME AND GARDEN WALK for children ages four to eight is scheduled at Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Garden. Stories with gardening themes will be read, and there will be a guided walk designed specially for families in the Gardens on Dec. 19. The story will be read at 10:30 a.m., and the walk will begin at 11 a.m. It is free and open to the public. Call 661-1316, ext 303, for more information.

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE Art Rosenbaum Sportswriting Scholarship, sponsored by the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame. The annual scholarship awards were established in 1992 by Lou Spadia, president of the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame, to honor editor/columnist Art Rosenbaum's 60 years of sports writing for the San Francisco Chronicle, where he began his career covering high school sports. Entries are open to Bay Area high school junior and senior student writers of sports-oriented articles that appear in their school paper during the fall/spring of 1999/2000. Entries should be sent by April 15 to The Rosenbaum Scholarships, BASHOF, 464 California St., 9th Fl., San Francisco, 94104. If you have any questions call (415) 352-8827.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED on Christmas Day, Sat. Dec. 25 to deliver meals and visit isolated elders in their homes in San Francisco. Volunteers will be provided meals, flowers and gifts to take to the elders. First-time volunteers are required to attend a 15-20 minute volunteer orientation (held on the day of the event). Volunteers can visit one or two elders and should reserve at least 2-3 hours of time for orientation, assignments of elders, package pickup, travel time and visits. A car is necessary and volunteers can choose the neighborhood in which they would like to visit. For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, please call Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly at (415) 771-7957.

RANDALL MUSEUM NEEDS DDCCENTS to handle and introduce live animals to kids and their teachers who visit the Museum Tuesday through Friday mornings. Docents learn animal handling techniques as well as natural history, biology and effective interpretive techniques. Registrations are being accepted now for docent training. Classes are 6-8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 19 - March 15, at the Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, off Rosevelt, for adults and teenagers over 16. The cost is \$45 for the eight week class, plus a commitment to volunteer two hours a week for six months. Call 554-9604 to register.

ACLU BILL OF RIGHTS DAY honors Lawrence Ferlinghetti, San Francisco's Poet Laureate, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m., at the Argent Hotel, 50 Third St., San Francisco. The celebration will include poet Piri Thomas, author of "Down These Mean Streets," Ten Poets Plus a Mic!, a dynamic group of young poets, and a multi-media presentation by high school students on youth homelessness. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for seniors and students. Call 621-2493.



MISSION BAY TOURS will be offered by UCSF on Thursday, Dec. 16. Tour participants will view the area where UCSF broke ground in October for the first research building at the 43-acre Mission Bay campus, and will stop at the Catellus Visitors' Center at 255 Channel St., where they will see plans for the entire 303-acre neighborhood. Tours begin and end at the UCSF library. Reservations required a week in advance. Call 476-4394.

UCSF RESEARCHERS ARE TESTING several drugs that may help treat the paranoia, hallucinations and thought disorders associated with memory loss. Men or women aged 40 or older diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, stroke-related memory loss or both, can volunteer for the clinical trials. Another study is testing whether estrogen improves memory in women with Alzheimer's. Women 50 years of age or older with mild to moderate Alzheimer's may be eligible. UCSF researchers also need volunteers with Parkinson's disease to participate in a clinical drug trial. They're testing a new drug that may help motor fluctuations associated with the disease or its treatment. For more information on these studies call the Goldman Research Center at 750-4180, ext 170.

THE COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER has announced a Winter Quarter that includes weekly private lessons for students 8 and older on 29 Western, Chinese and Latin American instruments. For those teens and adult private lesson students interested in simultaneously increasing their knowledge of the musical language, 50 percent discounts are offered on all group theory classes. Lessons are given at 544 Capp St. and at the Richmond District Branch, 741 - 30th Ave. Call the branch where you wish to study to schedule a registration appointment. Classes begin on Monday, Jan. 10. CMC offer financial aid for students with limited incomes.

THE CMC FLAMENCO-LATIN ENSEMBLE will perform its inventive blend of flamenco/latin music, and the CMC Jazz Ensemble will perform in the second half of the program. Admission is free, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m., at the Capp Street Center, 544 Capp St.

  
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Based on A Traveling Jewish Theatre's 1982 "A Dance of Exile," "Kabbalah Tango" is an extravagantly theatrical blend of tango and poetry; devotional chant and doo-wop; traditional Ladino music and outrageous masks.

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for unity and redemption is the peculiar duo of Max, an aging radical fighting a disintegrating memory, and Mr. Tie, a Las Vegas lawyer with mystical fantasies.

Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. In addition, on Jan. 22 there is a Saturday matinee performance at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20, with discounted tickets available for students, seniors, and groups of 10 or more. "Pay-what-you-can" tickets are available every Thursday at the door (subject to availability). On Monday, Jan. 10, \$25 Opening Night tickets are available, which include admission to a private party with the artists following the performance.


A Traveling Jewish Theatre is located at 470 Florida St. (between 17th and Mariposa Streets) in San Francisco. For tickets or additional information, contact the Theatre group at 415 399-1809.



Albert Greenberg and Corey Fischer in a scene from "Kabbalah Tango."

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## EXHIBIT BY HILL'S TOM FOWLER



Potrero Hill artist Tom Fowler, shown above with "When We Talk About It," will present his recent paintings, drawings and collage at the Ad Magnum Gallery, 1252 Valencia St. The series is titled "'Whipping Boy and the 7 Deadly Sins," featuring Fowler's personal interpretation of pride, greed, lust, anger, evil, gluttony and sloth. An opening reception is set for Jan. 13 from 6-11 p.m. The exhibit runs through Feb. 15. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m., Thursdays from 5-8 p.m., and by appointment.

## "Amahl" Set at Goat Hall For the Holiday Season

Goat Hall Productions is presenting its third annual production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at Goat Hall, 400 Missouri (at 19th St.) the second and third weekends of December.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is a short (about one hour), music theater piece about a poor shepherd boy (Amahl), his mother, and three splendidly dressed visitors who appear unexpectedly at the door of the wretched hut in which Amahl and his widowed mother live.

Menotti wrote the music and lyrics to "Amahl" for a 1951 radio broadcast. Later staged for television and live performances, "Amahl" has offered joyous, festive holiday entertainment to audiences worldwide. In Goat Hall's third annual production, the tender and poignant boy soprano role of Amahl will be sung for the third year by Shea Whelan, sharing the role this year with younger brother Liam Whelan.

The three kings may well be on their way to Bethlehem, but their brief sojourn with Amahl and the neighboring shepherds who arrive with food (and stay to dance) has the distinct Mediterranean flavor of Menotti's childhood home in rural Italy.

The six San Francisco performances will be on the second and third weekends of December at Goat Hall, 400 Missouri St. Opening on Friday, Dec. 10, performances will be on Fridays and Satur-



Scene from "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at Goat Hall through Dec. 19

Richard Anderson photo

days at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with the final performance on Dec. 10.

For more information and reservations (recommended), call 415 289-6877 or reserve online at [www.goathall.org](http://www.goathall.org).


## New Theater On Hill Opens With "Under Western Eyes"

A new theater performance space on Potrero Hill — Thick House at 1695 - 18th St. in the Goodman 2 Building — will be inaugurated this month with Thick Description's "Under Western Eyes."

In the play, which runs at Thick House through Dec. 19, a right-wing politician is assassinated and the assassin is betrayed to the police. The play is accompanied by a score by Asian American jazz pioneer France Wong.

Tickets are \$10-20 on a sliding scale. For more information, or for reservations, call 550-7250 or see their web site at [www.thickdescription.org](http://www.thickdescription.org).





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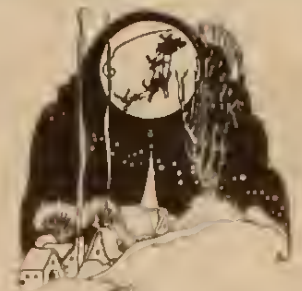
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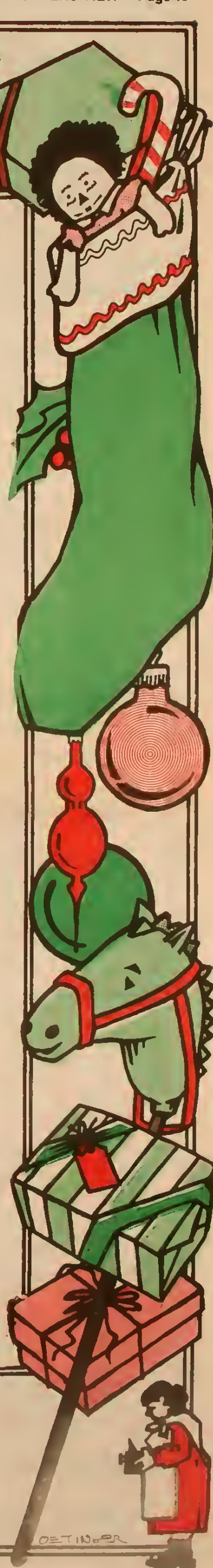
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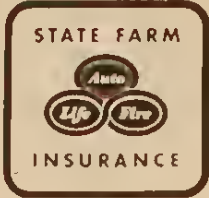
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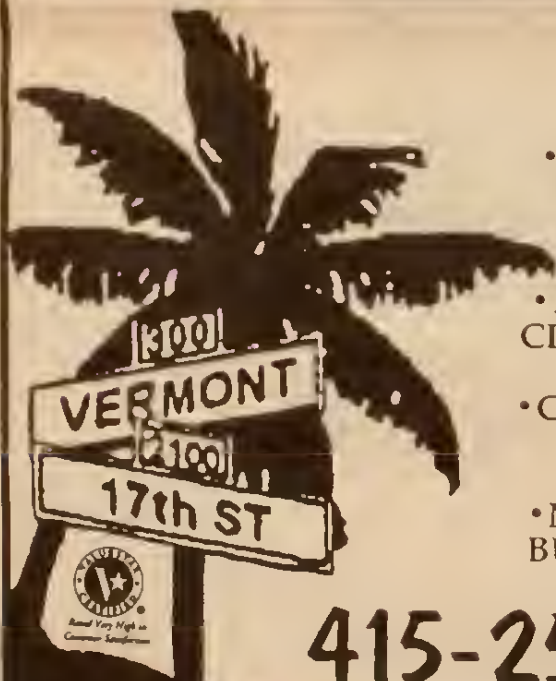




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